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From: Enck, Judith [Enck.Judith@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/2/2016 2:21:29 PM
To: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls

Ok. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2016, at 8:15 AM, Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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On Feb 2, 2016, at 7:17 AM, Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rachel,
I apologize, as I thought I had followed up, but in fact I realized that I spoke to your colleague Lindsay yesterday to explain we don't have anyone available. We don't have anyone available to do an interview in the Albany area and I don't anticipate having anyone up there who can go on camera in the immediate future. I will see what the plans are here and hopefully we can arrange something in the future.

P.S. Judith is out of the country for the next couple of weeks.

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To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Romanowski, Larisa
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Cc: Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls

Hi Mary,

I wanted to follow up with you from last week. I'm looking to do an update interview with the EPA concerning the Hoosick Falls water contamination.

Is someone around today who can speak with me?

Thank you!

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On Feb 1, 2016, at 3:18 PM, Yonkunas, Rachel <RYonkunas@news10.com> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Thank you for following up with me with his information.

Yes, I believe you're right. Hoosick Falls confirmed positive test results in October 2014 after a resident came forward.

Can we schedule a follow up interview tomorrow? A quick overview of what's happened, and what's to come.

Thank you for your help!

Best,

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On Feb 1, 2016, at 8:55 AM, Mears, Mary
<Mears.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rachel,
Hope you had a good weekend.

Just following up from last week.

Hoosick was NOT one of the systems serving fewer than 10,000 people randomly selected to test under the UCMR3. Under this UCMR3, ALL systems that serve more than 10,000 people had to sample and 800 smaller systems were randomly selected across the country, including two in Rennsselaer County – City of Troy and Greenbush. Neither system had detects for PFOA.

The UCMR3 is looking at much more than PFCs (of which PFOA is one), it is looking at 28 chemicals and 2 viruses. Here's the complete list: <http://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/third-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>.

Hoosick tested I believe in response to community members who did some of their own testing, but you would have to get in touch with the water system folks to confirm that.

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Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 5:45 PM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls

Yes, Hoosick was tested?

Thank you so much for all of the effort !

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On Jan 29, 2016, at 5:40 PM, Mears, Mary
<Mears.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

My computer keep crashing, so I think I have to give up. Yes, we will circle back.

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To: Mears, Mary
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Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls

Oh darn! Zip files can be troubling. I really appreciate you trying and would love to follow up with you on this next week.

Just to clarify, it was Hoosick?

Sorry to be a bother!

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On Jan 29, 2016, at 5:28 PM, Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't have the list and unfortunately there is no one here to ask. I can definitely find any answer, but not until Monday. I know the stat files are on the web, but I can't get the files to unzip. So sorry, Rachel. I know it was

Hoosick and it does seem to indicate that no PFOA was detected in which ever system it was.

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Subject: Re: Hoosick
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Thank you very much, Mary. Do you have the list of the 800 systems that were selected? Rensselaer County was on the map as a "tested" site, so does it go by county?

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Best,

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